

Torrance, California
February 4, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P. M. Tuesday, February 4, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN:
Drale. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Pyle of the Chamber of Commerce led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Father Joseph McArdle of the Nativity Catholic Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 28, 1958, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced that this was the time and place for the following Hearing:

CASE NO. 476: Third and final hearing before the City Council on Case No. 475, petition of the Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Two-Family Residential) on property legally described as the northerly 50 feet (plus or minus) of Lot 11, all of Lots 12, 13, and 14 of Block 2, Tract 2761, located on the east side of Date Avenue, Sonoma on the north, and approximately 150 feet north of Carson, for the purpose of obtaining the best possible use of these deep lots.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. There were no objections, and this was accepted and ordered filed.

Councilman Drale joined the meeting at 5:34 P. M.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on Case No. 476.

There was no response.

Councilman Benstead moved this Third and Final Hearing be closed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, who asked who had initiated this proposed Change of Zone.

Planning Director Powell replied that the Planning Commission had initiated this after several queries had been received from residents of the area; after investigation and study, the Commission had decided against re-zoning the area.

Councilman Jahn felt that was an unnecessary expense to the City, and questioned the wisdom of the Commission instituting such proceedings.

Mayor Isen explained why it is sometimes necessary for the Planning Commission to take such action.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen announced that the Third and Final Hearings on Cases No. 470, 471 and 472 had been scheduled for this time, having been postponed because of a date in the original Publication.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

There were no objections, and this was accepted and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen, after a short discussion among the Councilmen, said the Council did not have the necessary papers and information to hold these Hearings, and suggested that the Hearings be held at the next meeting of the Council when all the necessary papers can be a part of the Agenda.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard on these Cases, as the Council had no wish to cause an inconvenience to anyone who had come to be heard regarding them.

There was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to continue the Third and Final Hearings on Cases No. 470, 471 and 472 until the Council Meeting of Tuesday, February 11, 1958, at 8:00 P. M.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen requested that all supporting papers be submitted at that time with these cases.

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. In a letter dated January 25, 1958, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Marlow, 2468 - 236th Street, Torrance, protested the conditions prevailing in the oil fields in the City, and requested the adoption of a new Ordinance to meet the growing needs of the City.

Mayor Isen said he had personally visited the area in question and had found several violations which he believed could be taken to court. He stated there is a trailer there which is obviously being lived in, that the gate is barred but the bars are so far apart a small child could easily get between them, and the area is not clean, nor is it fenced.

Mr. Powell told the Council that fencing of the oil well is not required as long as the sumps are fenced and the moving parts of the pumps are shielded. He outlined the problems of enforcement to the Council. The sump should be fenced with a 6'6" fence, and Mr. Powell said the owners of the oil well in question have been notified of this and that they should comply.

Councilman Benstead asked if the Ordinance we have specifies the gauge of the wire which should be used, and Mr. Powell said it specifies that 16 gauge wire shall be used.

Councilman Benstead said he knew of violations of this provision of the ordinance, and would be glad to point them out to Mr. Powell.

Mayor Isen believed that the dirty water standing in the sumps posed a hazard to children and besides that, believed it constituted a health menace.

Councilman Jahn believed that other oil wells in the area are in just as bad a condition as this one is. He said Mr. Powell had told him the Ordinance is not in shape to get compliance. Councilman Jahn said he has been reading the Ordinance, and he thought compliance with most of it could be obtained by court action.

In response to a question, the City Attorney stated he understood that there are other Ordinances which would take care of some of the situations mentioned here.

Councilman Jahn suggested the City Attorney, Mr. Powell, Mr. Schlens and Mr. Whitacre work out something on this very soon.

The City Attorney reported they are working on it now; he believed, however, the violations listed transcend this one Ordinance, No. 440, and could be righted under other Ordinances.

Mr. Powell said in the past 6 years, we have had only one conviction under Ordinance 440; the reason is that the judges have said the cases were not properly prepared under the Ordinance; he stated that

in the one case where a conviction had been secured, he had written the complaint himself.

Councilman Jahn said that was not the fault of the Ordinance.

Mayor Isen felt the Police Department could enforce the Ordinance, and asked that something be done in the coming week.

Mayor Isen moved for prosecution.

Mr. Powell, in response to a question, said the owners of the well in question had been given a 60-day period to complete the clean-up of their property, and that subject to that period being expired, he believed the motion would rule.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave Mr. Powell the license number of the house trailer on the property, being 8921980.

Mayor Isen reported there is another well nearby where there are stacks of old wood, and a general condition of untidiness; he asked what is going on there.

Mr. Powell did not have that information.

Mayor Isen felt it to be in even a worse condition than the well across from the Marlow home.

Councilman Jahn said he has noticed it, and they have been working on it for some time. He believed they had been destroying a wooden tank.

Mr. Powell said he believed that would be under the jurisdiction of the Fire Department.

Mr. Powell said he would like to see the Ordinance re-written.

The City Attorney said that is being done.

Mayor Isen referred this to the Fire Department for a report at the next meeting of the Council, and also referred it to any and all City Departments which are interested in this problem.

Councilman Benstead asked Mr. Powell if he could not refer such matters to the Fire Department, or a pertinent Department, without bringing them here, and Mr. Powell replied that he can and usually does so.

b. A January 27, 1958, letter from John D. Henderson, County Librarian, 322 South Broadway, Los Angeles, requested that the Council approve the name "Torrance South Bay Region" for their operation in this area; he explained that they have established a headquarters for their operation in the southern portion of the County at the Torrance Library.

Mr. Henderson also requested an early meeting with the Council to discuss a proposal to construct a regional headquarters in the Torrance Civic Center. He made it clear that his recommendations are subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

In response to a question, the City Manager said he had been notified today that the Board of Supervisors, acting on a report from the new County Manager, had voted to end our contract with them on June 30, 1959. He said this had been brought about by the City of Downey, a new City, who made a study of the Library District they were in. Downey found they were taxed about 9.9¢ for this, and only a portion of that was coming back to them, so they asked they be permitted to withdraw and enter into a contract such as we have had with the County since 1934. The County Manager had found us to be the only City contracting in this manner.

Mayor Isen thought perhaps Mr. Henderson was not aware of these circumstances.

The City Manager felt there was no question that we would be expected to pay our full share for such a library building as Mr. Henderson mentioned in one way or another. He pointed out that we do have enough time to determine what we will do, and to decide whether to join their Library District or to run our own Library.

Councilman Drale asked how much tax increase we would have to bear if we joined their District, and the City Manager said about 4¢ now.

The City Manager said this would raise about \$60,000 this year, and it would be more; he understood the County is planning to raise their library taxes to 12¢.

Mayor Isen felt the Board of Supervisors to be going on the theory that the richer areas should support the poorer ones; if we joined such a District, a share of the money which went to that District would go to a poorer area. He suggested to the City Manager that this matter be referred to the present Library Board of the City, so the members will begin working on this now.

Councilman Drale asked if this means the County will take all the books they own from our libraries at the end of the year ending June 30, 1959.

The City Manager believed so.

Councilman Jahn moved that the Council approve the name of "Torrance South Bay Region" as requested by Mr. Henderson in the first paragraph of his letter.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen felt the balance of the letter and the problem reported by the City Manager should be referred to the Library Board.

Councilman Benstead so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Drale moved we concur with the second paragraph of the letter.

The City Manager pointed out that the County Librarian had asked to meet with the Council; he thought it would be well to answer the letter, saying this has been referred to the Library Board and that we would discuss it with them at a later date.

Councilman Drale's motion died for lack of a second.

There were no objections and Councilman Benstead's motion was ordered.

Councilman Jahn suggested the City Manager answer the letter from Mr. Henderson according to the outline he had just given the Council.

Mayor Isen told the City Manager to reply to the letter, and to tell Mr. Henderson that the Council agrees with his suggestion.

c. A January 24, 1958, letter from Gordon T. Nesvig, Chief Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, submitted a deed quitclaiming to the City of Torrance the El Nido Park property in the City of Torrance, submed to the conditions contained in the deed. Mr. Nesvig reported the matter was consummated at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors on January 21, 1958, and the Chairman authorized to execute the document.

Councilman Drale moved the deed be accepted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

d. A January 24, 1958, memo from Harry Van Bellehem, Recreation Director, addressed to the City Manager, was submitted for Council consideration. Mr. Van Bellehem stated that Joe Rode, pool manager, recommended that the bid of Roddey & Reed, 18908 Doty Avenue, Torrance, be accepted for sandblasting the plunge and the concrete deck in the amount of \$1870. Mr. Van Bellehem concurred with the recommendation and recommended the contract be awarded as soon as possible. Mr. Van Bellehem also stated that if the work is done out of budget they would be over budget, so if possible, an additional allocation of funds for the work is desirable. There were copies of four bids submitted with the memo from Mr. Van Bellehem.

Councilman Jahn asked why this is necessary, and Director of Public Works Russell said the finish in the pool is badly chipped and it cannot be patched.

Councilman Jahn asked if this had not been done just last year, and if it had not been a guaranteed job.

Councilman Blount agreed with Councilman Jahn on this, and asked if this was for the inside of the pool.

Mr. Russell said it is, and that the pool is in very bad shape.

Councilman Jahn believed the work had been guaranteed, and was not in favor of spending this money to correct the mistakes of the contractor.

Councilman Benstead asked if this could not be held over for a week while the whole matter is run down.

Mr. Russell said this work must be done.

Mayor Isen recalled that this was done about a year ago, and it was to last for longer than one year.

The City Manager thought the man who did the work is gone from the area.

Councilman Jahn asked to have all information on the matter brought to the next Council meeting.

Councilman Drale seconded the request.

Mayor Isen thought the man who did this work might be located through the State Licensing Department.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held over for a week, with all pertinent information on the work done last year to be submitted at that time.

e. With a letter received in the Office of the City Manager on January 29, 1958, Chief of Police Bennett submitted a letter from Oscar Maples Ford relative to continuing the lease agreement on Police vehicles. Chief Bennett reported we lease nine specific vehicles, and Oscar Maples suggested an extension of the lease agreement for at least another year. The price per mile would remain the same, and the price per vehicle would be the same as furnished us now. Chief Bennett said we are furnished a new vehicle every 30,000 miles, and the new vehicles must be equipped with siren, lights, radio, etc., with the change-over costing us about \$100 per vehicle, whether it is an additional vehicle or a replacement. The Chief of Police had felt this was a matter for the Council to decide.

In response to a question from the Mayor, Chief of Police Bennett replied that the cars are all right. He had thought perhaps the Council would want to decide about this agency or another.

Mayor Isen suggested that someone in management should work out a recommendation on this after investigation, as to whether we should extend this contract.

Councilman Blount said we should call for bids on this, as it runs into thousands of dollars. It has long been our policy to call for bids in such matters.

Councilman Benstead agreed that we should call for bids.

In response to a question, the City Manager replied that we have always called for bids.

Councilman Jahn asked if this should not be done very soon, and the City Manager said we must do it soon.

f. A January 28, 1958, letter from G. T. McCoy, State Highway Engineer, signed by C. E. Bovey, advised that the quarterly allocation of gas tax funds to Torrance for the period ending December 31, 1957, is \$71,585.00, based on a population of 93,372.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed.

g. In a letter from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce dated January 30, 1958, signed by Dick Fitzgerald, an invitation was extended to the Council to attend the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce. This will be held Tuesday, February 25, 1958, at the Civic Auditorium, starting at 7:30 P. M. The letter explained that the confliction with the regular meeting of the Council could not be avoided if the speaker of the evening, J. Roger Deas, addressed the Chamber. The letter suggested that the Council consider scheduling an early Council meeting on February 25 so the Councilmen and their wives might be the

guests of the Chamber for the dinner.

The City Manager called to the attention of the Council that a notice had been published for the annexation of the Howard Industrial Addition, with a Hearing scheduled for February 25 at 8:00 P. M.

Mayor Isen suggested that the meeting might begin early, and the Council could try to have their other work done in time to have that Hearing at 8:00 P. M. and then adjourn.

In response to a question, the City Attorney said the Council could do that if they wished.

Mayor Isen felt this Hearing to be very important, and that it should not be postponed.

There were no objections, and the Council agreed that they would adjourn to an earlier meeting on that date and attempt to hold the Hearing at 8:00 P. M., as the last item of their work that day.

Mayor Isen directed City Clerk Bartlett to see that the Council is reminded at their meeting of the 18th of this planned early meeting.

h. In a letter dated January 30, 1958, signed by Dick Fitzgerald, Manager, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce asked that they receive the quarterly payment due to them in April at this time. The letter explained that many unexpected expenses have caused them to need the payment early.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if we have the money, and Mr. Stevens replied affirmatively.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted.

Mayor Isen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

i. A letter from the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division, dated January 28, 1958, was signed by C. H. Peckenaugh, President of the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division. The letter stated that the initial, or 'kick-off' meeting has been held regarding the "Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Government Study Commission", and the attendance of that meeting. It also stated a meeting of the group with the Directors of the Los Angeles Division of the League has been set for 3:00 P. M. on February 6, 1958, in the Assembly Hall in the State Building at 217 W. First St., Los Angeles. It was requested that only one representative from each city attend, and that the representative be the authorized Director or Alternate Director.

Mayor Isen said he could not attend the meeting, and he had asked Councilman Jahn to attend.

Councilman Jahn said he was planning to go, saying it was his understanding that under this plan, the individual cities would lose their identity.

The letter was ordered filed.

j. A January 30, 1958, letter from 'S.L. LINES, INC.', 2200 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, signed by R. G. Shannon, requested permission to pick up and discharge passengers with the City. The letter stated they desire to operate a deluxe parlor coach operation originating from Faye's Half-Way House at 3101 Pacific Coast Highway, effective approximately March 15, 1958. The letter stipulated they would not conflict with the existing Torrance Municipal Lines.

A January 31, 1958, letter from M. A. Chamberlain, Bus Supt., accompanied the letter from 'S.L. LINES', and recommended denial of the request, saying we operate daily scheduled trips via the Coliseum, and operate charter service for the community, which is very lucrative.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny the request of the 'S.L. LINES'. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn asked if our bus lines operate charter buses, and Councilman Blount said there are chartered buses from our lines at nearly every game at the Coliseum.

City Manager Stevens said Mr. Shannon was present, and he had believed if he could talk to Mr. Chamberlain an agreement could be worked out.

Mr. Shannon said they operate a de luxe charter service of a type which would not conflict with, nor compete with, the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. He explained their operation in detail, saying that he believed this would also help develop the Torrance Airport. He would also operate buses to the various race tracks, mentioning specifically the track at Caliente. Mr. Shannon said they operate such services in Los Angeles, and that he had furnished the City Manager with photostatic copies of the permits they have for the type of service they propose to operate in our area.

Mr. Shannon had not discussed this with Mr. Chamberlain, but he felt if he could that Mr. Chamberlain would see there will be no competition.

Councilman Benstead said he would not table his motion.

Councilman Drale said if Mr. Shannon wished he could still talk this over with Mr. Chamberlain.

Mayor Isen said if Mr. Shannon was going to discuss this with Mr. Chamberlain, he could see nothing wrong with holding this over for a couple of weeks.

Mayor Isen moved to table the motion for two weeks.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen thought this could be worked out so there is no competition, and told Mr. Shannon the door was still open for him to talk to Mr. Chamberlain, who could change his recommendation if he wished to do so.

Motion to deny carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen explained his vote against this motion to deny, saying he felt it could be worked out so there would be no competition between the two lines.

k. A January 15, 1958, letter from John T. Iwata, owner of the Pacifico Professional Building at 3810 Pacific Coast Highway discussed the problem which has arisen as to parking in the area around his building. A sketch was submitted showing the areas involved. Mr. Iwata stated the area he has prepared for parking of tenants and patrons of his building is used by people who go to the Walteria Park and tennis court, thus hindering patrons of the building from parking in the area. Mr. Iwata suggested that the area in front of the tennis court, which is city-owned and not in use at present be used as a parking area for those who patronize the park.

A January 27, 1958, comment from Casper Clemmer, Asst. Park Supt., recommended that if this plan is approved, we retain the minimum of 80' and a maximum of 100' just north of the tennis court for a future game court, and that the entrance road off Pacific Coast Highway be widened 12' so cars may enter as well as exit.

Planning Director Powell, in a memo dated January 21, 1958, reported that he believed if the City approves this plan they will find Mr. Iwata most cooperative, and that perhaps he would improve the land and share its use as public parking.

Councilman Drale asked if this could not be referred to the Traffic Commission for consideration, and so moved.

Councilman Jahn did not believe we own the frontage on the highway, and said if this plan is approved we would have to have an easement to allow for adequate entry and exit.

Councilman Blount seconded the motion, suggesting that Councilman Jahn's idea be made a part of the motion.

Councilman Drale accepted the amendment.

There were no objections, and this was referred to the Traffic Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

In a letter dated January 31, 1958, the City Manager referred the following matters to the Council as replies to their queries of him at their last meeting:

1. Request of State Department of Employment for use of the Council Chambers for referee hearings, to be held two or three days a week from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. for a period of 60 to 90 days.

"I find that the Council Chambers would be the most logical and convenient place for the meetings. Meetings at other locations would require placing and removing chairs for each hearing and would interfere with other uses of the space."

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this statement from the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen asked if this meant to grant the request.

Councilman Drale assumed that was the meaning of the City Manager's reply.

The City Manager explained he was not making a recommendation, but had made an investigation as requested to do by the Council.

Councilman Blount said if the State needs the space he would not object to letting them use it, but he felt a time limit should be set on the length of time they would be using the Chambers.

Councilman Benstead asked if they would be willing to pay rent for the custodial services and utilities.

The City Manager did not think so.

Councilman Benstead withdrew his second to the motion.

Councilman Jahn had attended this sort of hearings, and stated they sometimes get very crowded, and last for long periods of time. He felt this might interfere with the operations of the City's employees.

Mayor Isen asked where they have been holding these hearings, and Councilman Benstead recalled that they had held some in the old City Hall.

Director of Public Works John Russell came forward, and told the Council that the Staff would like to hold their meetings here from now on, as the conference room downstairs, which they have been using, is not large enough. These meetings are held at 8:30 A. M. on each Monday.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Russell the Council would not object to that use of the Council Chambers.

Councilman Drale returned to the request from the State; he felt we could not deny them this use as the State helps us.

Councilman Blount suggested we limit the time they may use the Chambers to two or three days a week, between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 3:00 P. M., and ask them to find another place at the end of 60 or 90 days. He asked the City Manager when they want to begin using the Chambers, but the City Manager did not have a definite answer.

Mr. Stevens did feel they want to start very soon, and they do not know how long they will need to carry on the hearings.

Councilman Blount asked to have the decision on this postponed until the City Manager can find out which days of the week they would want the room, and for how long a period of time they will need it.

Mayor Isen suggested that the City Manager also ascertain whether they will pay for custodial service and utilities.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with Councilman Drale withdrawing his motion.

2. Request of Sgt. Dolly for use of space in the old City Hall for a Marine Corps Recruiting Office.

"I recommend that no space be allocated in the old City Hall over a period of time, until the City has determined its need for such space."

3. Status of Carson Street in front of Torrance High School.

"Investigation indicates that the street is a public street and was barricaded a number of years ago with the permission of the City Council."

4. Interest of Stub Wilson in securing a lease at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

"Mr. Wilson states that he and his attorney are preparing the final draft of a proposal to the City, which will be submitted early next week. He states that he is very interested in securing the lease."

5. Reminder to the City Council that officials of the West Basin Water Association would like to meet with the City Council to discuss water replenishment problems.

"A luncheon meeting for Thursday, February 6, has been suggested."

No one wished to discuss any of these items, but Mayor Isen asked if the luncheon meeting mentioned in Item 5 was satisfactory to the other Councilmen, saying he could not attend it.

Councilman Jahn would be unable to attend the luncheon. He asked if it could be changed.

Mayor Isen suggested the City Manager set a Thursday date in about 3 weeks, so the Council will have time to arrange to attend the meeting.

City Manager Stevens felt if the Council could meet with these people at 7:00 P. M. before a Council meeting at 8:00 P. M., the business might be discussed.

It was agreed this would be better.

City Manager Stevens said he would try to set this up for next week, as that will be the only 8:00 P. M. Council meeting this month.

At 6:25 P. M., the Council recessed, re-convening at 6:35 P. M.

b. A January 31, 1958, letter from the City Manager recommended that Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer, be employed to handle the assessment work on the Lighting District, in accordance with the terms outlined in an attached document.

The letter read as follows:

"The Department of Public Works and the Engineering Department have been working for several weeks preparing preliminary plans for a Street Lighting Assessment District. They have been generously assisted by officials of the Southern California Edison Company and by Mr. Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer.

"The next steps in the orderly development of the plan are the passage of a Resolution ordering the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications, and the employment of an Assessment Engineer.

"I recommend that Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer, be employed to handle the assessment work on the District, in accordance with the terms outlined in the attached document. The original Lighting District will include all the areas which now have recognized street lighting systems. Additional Districts may be added as they are formed at the request of property owners.

"The forming of the Assessment District will relieve the General Fund of a major portion of lighting costs. This will permit a more

rapid and orderly lighting of critical intersections. It will also permit a more rapid and orderly development of Lighting Districts in areas where the people desire them without creating a burden on the General Fund".

Councilman Jahn noted this includes only those areas where there are street lights, and asked if the others could be handled simply.

The City Manager said yes, and at the end of three years we could make just one big District.

Councilman Benstead asked how much money is involved.

City Manager Stevens said our light bill now is about \$60,000 a year.

Councilman Benstead asked how much this would cut off the tax bill.

The City Manager believed the City would carry about 1/4 of that figure for light signals, lighting of intersections, etc., however, he felt a share of it would be removed from the tax bill. He said in this District, the City would pay for the intersections whether or not they were in the District. He explained the City pays for all the power now.

Councilman Benstead asked who would pay for the poles.

The City Manager said each District would put in its own poles.

Councilman Drale asked how the franchise is given to the Edison Company.

The City Manager replied it is based on a percentage of their gross billings in the City.

Councilman Drale asked if the Edison Company would pay the City more under this plan, and the City Manager said yes..

Councilman Benstead asked if this means we will remove \$45,000 from the tax bill next year.

City Manager Stevens said it would be his idea to light the intersections, but that would be for the Council to decide. If the Council decided not to put in lights at intersections except where Districts are formed, then probably a large figure could be cut from the tax bill.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation to employ Mr. Laurence J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount.

Councilman Benstead asked how much Mr. Thompson would be paid.

The City Manager said that is outlined in the proposal, and it will be \$1.50 per parcel.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT:

a. A January 30, 1958, letter from Jerome I Scharfman, Director of Finance, reported receipt of a check in the amount of \$65.80 from Standard Gas Co., as required by Franchise Ordinance #789, for the calendar year 1957. Mr. Scharfman reported the amount had been checked and found to agree with the remittance.

Councilman Jahn moved the check be accepted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

b. A January 30, 1958, letter from Jerome I. Scharfman, Director of Finance, reported receipt of a check in the amount of \$162.39, from Four Corners Pipe Line Co. as required by Franchise Ordinance #910, for the period 11/15/57 to 12/31/57. Mr. Scharfman reported the amount due had been checked and found to agree with the remittance.

Councilman Jahn moved the check be accepted.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

a. A January 27, 1958, letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Torrance Airport Commission, transmitted to the Council that Commission's recommendation that "Plan B" for taxiway lighting, for which \$10,700 in Federal-aid funds has been tentatively allocated, be approved, and that the necessary work be authorized at once to obtain Federal-aid funds.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Councilman Jahn seconded the motion, but noted that the sketch had a notation that these lights would be 200 inches apart; he asked the City Manager if this was correct, or they would be 200 feet apart.

The City Manager said they would be 200 feet apart.

Councilman Benstead asked what the City's share of the cost of this lighting would be, and the City Manager said it would be about an equal amount.

Councilman Benstead asked if we will have the money, and the City Manager said we will.

Motion to concur carried unanimously by roll call vote.

b. In a letter dated January 27, 1958, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Torrance Airport Commission, transmitted to the Council that Commission's recommendation that a 'first right of refusal' be granted to Black & Markley (American Aviation Associates) on the land they requested to lease in December of 1956; this is 350' of Pacific Coast Highway frontage, described in the letter from Mr. Abrams.

Councilman Jahn said that amounted to giving them an option and there seemed to be no money involved, and he did not favor this.

Councilman Drale moved this recommendation be tabled until there is some other recommendation from the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Mr. Markley was present, and told the Council they would be glad to pay for an option.

Mayor Isen said the Council cannot decide that; the matter will have to go back to the Airport Commission.

Mr. Markley told the Council they had offered the Commission to pay for an option, but the Commission had preferred to handle it in this manner.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Markley that so far as he is concerned, the option would cost the same as the rental figure.

Mr. Markley said when they first asked for the land, it was not ready; they are trying to arrange their financing now, and want this proof of negotiation to show their financier.

Mayor Isen said that would bind the City, but would not bind Black & Markley. He explained that the Council had met with the Airport Commission last night, and it was resolved that the proposals which are 'live' will be acted on. For that reason, the Council felt it would be better to refer this back to the Airport Commission for their meeting of February 13th.

Councilman Benstead said they must have the money to submit with the proposals.

The motion was ordered carried.

Councilman Drale said Mr. Wilson should also be advised of this. He felt Mr. Wilson should have this same opportunity.

Mr. Markley pointed out that he and Mr. Black have had their application in for over a year, whereas Mr. Wilson applied only a few months ago.

Councilman Drale felt that nevertheless Mr. Wilson should be given an opportunity.

c. In a letter dated January 27, 1958, President Abrams of the Airport Commission submitted that Commission's recommendation that Mrs. Pfleiger be allowed to sub-lease her office at the Airport

to Vegas Airways for one year.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

d. In a letter dated January 27, 1958, President Abrams of the Airport Commission submitted to the Council that Commission's recommendation that they approve the Airport Ordinance as submitted by the City Attorney.

The City Attorney, in reply to a question from the Council, said he is putting this in final shape now and will bring it in very soon.

There were no objections, and this was ordered removed from the Agenda, to be brought back when the City Attorney submits the subject Ordinance.

COMMUNICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

a. A January 30, 1958, letter from the Scott Signs Company was submitted by Bldg. Supt. Lee Schlens. The request from Scott Signs was for permission to erect one 6' x 10' single-face sign, one 6' x 10' double face sign, and one 10' x 15' double face sign.

Mr. Schlens commented that free standing double faced signs over 42 sq. ft. require Council approval.

Councilman Jahn asked where these will be.

Mr. Schlens said they are proposed to be at 18534 Hawthorne Blvd., for a proposed real estate office. Mr. Schlens went on to say these will be the large signs in front of the real estate office; he added that he had discussed this with George Powell, and found that the real estate office must be given permission by the Planning Commission to build in that zone, and they have not yet been given the permit.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to withhold consideration of these signs until the Planning Commission has decided whether or not a real estate office should be located there.

b. A letter dated January 30, 1958, from M. J. Nolan and W. White, 2642 Crenshaw Blvd., Los Angeles, requested permission to put up a temporary sign advertising stores for lease at the southwest corner of 182nd St. and Crenshaw; they asked to put this up for a period of six months. A diagram of the proposed sign was submitted.

A comment from Bldg. Supt. Schlens informed the Council that this sign is a temporary structure, free standing, and over 42 sq. ft. If the sign is approved by the Council, Mr. Schlens said a bond would be posted with the Building Dept. before the permit is issued.

Councilman Jahn asked if this will be on the property they are developing there.

Mr. Schlens said it would be.

Councilman Jahn moved this be permitted, subject to stipulations by Mr. Schlens.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

a. A January 30, 1958, letter from John R. Patrick, Asst. to the City Engineer, submitted a sewer easement over a portion of Lot 21, La Fresa Tract, granted by Norma L. Myers.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3401

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT
CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM NORMA L. MYERS.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3401.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3401.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

b. In a letter dated January 30, 1958, City Engineer R. W. Bishop recommended release of Bond No. 1746712 in the amount of \$34,000 on Tract No. 16884 to the subdivider, Magnolia Land Company.

A January 29, 1958, letter from C. W. Clemmer, Asst. Park Supt., reported the trees in the parkways of the subject tract were inspected and approved by his Department and are in accord with the tree planting specifications of the Park Dept. of the City and in compliance with Ordinances #677 and #767.

Councilman Jahn said this recommendation is being made 8 months after final inspection of the buildings, and asked why it has been delayed.

City Engineer Bishop said these releases are not recommended until the final fees have been paid, and that his Department waits for all final records, to be sure the tract is in order before making the recommendation that the bond be released.

Councilman Jahn said he did not like to see the money tied up for so long, and suggested that the subdividers be requested to finish up and furnish all the necessary data near the time of final inspection.

City Engineer Bishop thought that an excellent idea.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Attorney if it could not be required by the Engineering Department that all this information come in promptly.

The City Attorney said it might be difficult to enforce such a requirement.

Councilman Drale pointed out that it should be a requirement of benefit to the contractors as well as the City.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer for release of Bond on Tract 16884.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

c. A January 30, 1958, letter from the City Engineer contained his recommendation for the release of Bond No. 31-B-49364 in the amount of \$43,912 on Tract No. 20295 to the subdivider, the Sepulveda Investment Company.

A December 11, 1957, letter from C. W. Clemmer, Asst. Park Supt., advised that the trees in the parkways of the subject Tract had been inspected and found to meet with the tree planting specifications of the City of Torrance.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Engineer for the release of Bond on Tract No. 20295.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PLANNING MATTERS:

a. A January 30, 1958, letter signed by G. C. Powell, Lee Schlens and John R. Patrick, as members of the Waiver Board, submitted the following Waivers for consideration by the Council:

W-203: Thomas J. Ware - 2812 Danaha Street, requesting side yard waiver to permit construction of a rumpus room in the required rear yard area. There still remains approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of open rear yard area, therefore the Waiver Board recommends approval.

W-209: Jack E. Long, 1222 Date Ave., requesting permission to construct a garage in the rear yard area in excess of the permitted 330 sq. ft. There still remains approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of usable rear yard area, therefore, the Waiver Board considers this a reasonable request.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the Waiver Board in W-203 and W-209.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

b. A January 30, 1958, letter from George C. Powell, Director of the Planning Commission, submitted the two following Waivers to the Council for their consideration:

W-207: Adam Krauser, 2318 Sonoma! Requesting waiver of side and rear yard setbacks.

The Planning Commission had recommended this unanimously, with a 2' side yard waiver on the addition, and a 5' rear yard waiver per plot plan submitted to them. The Commission had agreed that a layout should be brought in showing doors, windows, etc., in relation to the neighbors before the permit is issued.

W-208: Erma D. Bennett, NW corner of Eldorado and Greenwood: Requesting Waiver per plot plan submitted to the Planning Commission.

The Commission had unanimously recommended that Mrs. Bennett be given a 5' side yard waiver between the house and the rear yard and no further additions are to be made to the present building, and that she meet with Mr. Schlens and take care of her building properly; it was stipulated that this waiver is just for the 27' between the house and the garage on Eldorado.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission on waivers W-207 and W-208.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

c. With a letter dated January 30, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted the Ordinance reclassifying the property described in Planning Commission Case No. 467, a Change of Zone from R-2 and A-1 to R-1 on all of Tract 22214, situated at Dorman Avenue between 182nd St. and 186th St. in North Torrance. The letter reported that the Council had approved the Change of Zone unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 936

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 467.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 936 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

d. In a letter dated January 30, 1958, Planning Director George Powell submitted the Ordinance reclassifying the property described in Planning Commission Case No. 469, a Change of Zone from A-1 to R-1 on a portion of Lot 27, McDonald Tract at 182nd St., approximately 150 feet west of Doty on the north side of the street, an R. A. Watt Tract. The letter reported the Council had approved this Change of Zone by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 937

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 469.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 937 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1. A January 30, 1958, letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer reported to the Council that in accord with their direction of December, 1957, his office and the office of the City Manager have secured leases from other cities having airports similar to ours in an effort to determine whether or not they require aviation liability insurance.

The City Attorney reported himself in agreement with the recommendation of the City Manager and the view of Councilman Blount that we should delete from the T Hangar leases the requirement that the Lessee carry aviation liability insurance, saying the City could adequately insure itself against the liability covered by this type of insurance, charging the cost against the Airport Improvement Fund. The same analysis may be applicable to the requirement that the Lessees of the T Hangars carry premises insurance. It might be wiser for the City not to require T-hangar lessees to carry this type of insurance but for the City to insure itself solely by its own policy paid out of the Airport Improvement Fund.

With the letter, an analysis of Leases in use by other cities was submitted by the City Manager, whose 'Summary and Conclusions' read as follows:

"It would appear from this analysis that the proposed lease is too stringent in the Insurance Requirement, particularly the Aviation Liability Requirement. Although very few airports agree on all terms, none other require aviation liability coverage. I would, therefore, recommend the deletion of this item from the T-hangar land-lease".

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendations of the City Attorney and the City Manager, and asked that the leases be handled with all the haste feasible.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Drale explained his vote by saying he thought the City should be co-insured by lessees at the Airport.

In reply to a question from the City Attorney as to whether the

public liability should also be removed, Councilman Jahn felt the aviation liability had been the worst problem. He suggested a study be made and a recommendation presented to the Council on the other questions.

REPORTS:

a. The Office of the City Clerk advised that a complaint and summons was received in that Office on January 28, 1958, in the action of Jesus Dena against the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, in accident involving a 1950 Cadillac and a City bus on May 27, 1957. Records do not indicate that a verified claim was filed within the 90-day period.

b. A complaint and summons was received in the City Clerk's office on January 30, in the action of John H. Macias vs. John Francis Higginbotham, City bus driver, in accident occurring June 28, 1957, at S. Hoover and W. 92nd St., Los Angeles. Records do not indicate that a verified claim was filed within the 90-day period.

c. The December, 1957, reports for the General Manager and Chief Engineer and of the Controller for the Metropolitan Water District are now on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS:

a. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3402

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE, TO WIT: THE SLY 27 FEET AND THE NLY 2 FEET OF LOT 23, TRACT 639.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3402.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

b. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3403

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR PUBLIC USE, TO WIT: THE SLY 27 FEET OF LOT 52 IN TRACT 588.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3403.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

c. Mayor Isen announced that the next Resolution to be read had to do with the agreement for termination of the Airport Management Contract, and asked if anyone wished to discuss it.

There was no reply.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3404

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH COLLINS-DIETRICH AIR SERVICES, INC., TERMINATING THE AIRPORT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT,

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3404.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Isen said he would like to discuss the Airport for just a minute. He had prepared a written statement entitled "Facts About Torrance Municipal Airport" in reply to derogatory allegations made by a Lomita resident which appeared in the local newspapers in "Letters to the Editor". The Mayor's statement explained the City's position concerning the Airport, and the agreement with the present management for termination of their contract. The statement gave a resume of the income the City might expect from the Airport, and of the influence the airport has had on the location of industries within the City.

Mayor Isen requested that the local newspapers treat this as a "Letter to the Editor", with the hope that it will help to clarify the facts concerning our Airport.

d. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3405

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO ALLOCATE FUNDS PROVIDED IN THE 1957-1958 BUDGET TO CONSTRUCT A TRUNK SEWER LINE AS SHOWN ON PLAN NO. SV-1-9, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3405.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

e. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3406

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT A TRUNK SEWER ON HAWTHORNE AVENUE, FROM LOMITA BOULEVARD TO SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD; IN SAID CITY.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 3406.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3406.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

f. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3407

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ORDERING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AN ASSESSMENT, DIAGRAM, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE AND REPORT, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 14, PART 1, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE, STREET LIGHTING ACT OF 1919, AS AMENDED, FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRIC CURRENT AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES IN SAID CITY FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1958, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1961.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of this Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked for an explanation of this Resolution.

City Manager Stevens said that in order to start proceedings for the Lighting Districts, it is necessary for the City Council to authorize the Engineering Department to prepare this material.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3407.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Blount explained he had voted no because he had not received a copy of this Resolution, and he would not vote in favor of it until he had an opportunity to read it.

Mayor Isen requested that this Resolution be back on the Agenda of the next meeting, and directed the City Clerk's Office to check carefully to be sure this Resolution is given to each of the Councilmen for study.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ORDINANCES:

a. A letter dated January 31, 1958, from City Clerk Bartlett submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 933, first read at the Council meeting held January 28, 1958, and adopted by the following roll call vote at that time: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney whether mosquitoes could be included in this ordinance, saying the stagnant water allowed to stand in some areas provides breeding places for the mosquitoes and that he had received many calls about that.

The City Attorney suggested that could be handled by an amendment or by another ordinance.

There were no objections, and the Mayor requested that the City Attorney keep this in mind.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 933

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A SECTION TO CHAPTER 14 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT PEST HARBORAGE.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 933 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

b. With a letter dated January 31, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for its second and final reading Ordinance No. 934, providing for the regulation of Surf Fishing, etc., within the City of Torrance. At its first reading at the Council meeting held January 28, 1958, this Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 934

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 32 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF SURF FISHING, WATER SKIING, POWER BOATS, AND THE USE OF SURF BOARDS, PADDLE BOARDS, KAYAKS, AND OTHER SURF OR WAVE RIDING EQUIPMENT OR DEVICES WITHIN SAID CITY.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 934 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

c. With a letter dated January 31, 1958, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 935, establishing a Library Commission, and designating the powers and duties thereof. At the first reading at the Council meeting of January 28, 1958, this Ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Blount.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 935

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A PROVISION TO CHAPTER 2 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ESTABLISHING A LIBRARY COMMISSION AND DESIGNATING THE POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 935 at its second and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

d. With a letter dated January 29, 1958, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted an Urgency Ordinance covering the traffic regulations which were unanimously approved by the City Council at their meeting of January 21, 1958.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 938

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954."

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance,

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Jahn moved for the adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 938 at its first and final reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

e. With a letter dated January 29, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council a proposed Ordinance relating to regulation of self-service laundries and establishing a fee therefor; the City Attorney's letter reported this is identical to Emergency Ordinance No. 928, adopted by the Council on January 14, 1958, which will remain in effect until the regular ordinance becomes effective.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 939

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 16.200, 16.201 AND 16.202 OF CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 928) PROVIDING THAT AN ATTENDANT MUST BE ON DUTY AT ALL TIMES IN SELF-SERVICE LAUNDRIES AND ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS FEE THEREFOR AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY; AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 16 RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 939.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 939 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked if anything could be done to ensure compliance by the one such laundry operating in the City now.

License Inspector Whitacre reported that they had employed an attendant at the time of adoption of the Emergency Ordinance and are complying with it.

f. With a letter dated January 30, 1958, City Attorney Remelmeyer submitted proposed ordinance amending the Building Code of the City of Torrance by adding certain provision relating to low windows in hotels. He reported this was done in compliance with the direction of the City Council at their June 25, 1957, meeting, and that the proposed Ordinance has been approved by Bldg. Supt. Schlens and Fire Marshall Lucas. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 940

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 6 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "BUILDING CODE" BY ADDING TO THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO LOW WINDOWS IN HOTELS.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 940 at its first reading.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Jahn. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

g. With a cover letter dated January 31, 1958, the City Attorney submitted a proposed Ordinance governing the hours of operation of poolrooms, billiard halls or similar places of business. He explained in the letter that passage of this proposed ordinance would permit poolrooms and billiard halls to keep open twenty-four hours a day if the owner so desires.

Mayor Isen reported this was being considered at the request of Mr. Schreiber, and asked if he wished to be heard.

Mr. Schreiber came forward, and said he and his family operate the 'Bowl-O-Drome' on Western Avenue, and as a part of their operation they have a billiard room. This is a part of the main concourse, and is very popular with the patrons of their establishment. The many who patronize their establishment after working the swing shift in aircraft plants and similar places would like to use the billiard room, which under the present law must remain closed from 12:00 Midnight to 5:00 A. M. Therefore, they would like to request that the limitation on the hours they may use the billiard room be removed.

Councilman Blount asked if their building was erected after the passage of the Ordinance requiring sidewalks to be put in front of commercial zoning.

City Engineer Bishop reported that he thought it was erected before the Ordinance was adopted, however, the Schreiber's have agreed in writing to put the sidewalks in by the end of 1958, and have posted a bond to guarantee performance.

Councilman Drale asked if anyone could use the billiard room, regardless of age.

He was told they must be 18 to use the facilities there.

Mayor Isen pointed out that this was not a 'poolroom', but a billiard room in connection with a bowling alley. He felt there should be control over poolrooms as such, but this operation is not of the same type.

Councilman Benstead agreed with Mayor Isen.

Councilman Drale felt this would be all right, but he did believe such operations on a 24-hour basis should be subject to approval of the City Council.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney if it would be possible to have this so prepared that the change of hours would affect only those billiard rooms operated in connection with such family-type recreation centers as this, so that the Council might retain control over any poolroom in the City.

The City Attorney said this could be prepared so that such 24-hour operation would require approval of the City Council.

Councilman Benstead felt this should be very clearly written out in the Ordinance.

License Inspector Whitacre reported that there is one poolroom in the City, operated in the Pueblo district. He stated that the present Ordinance states a license cannot be granted without Council approval.

Councilman Jahn said the feeling of the Council seems to be that a 24-hour operation of a billiard room would have to be in connection with a bowling alley or similar recreation center.

There were no objections, and this was referred back to the City Attorney.

h. A January 31, 1958, letter from the City Attorney submitted a proposed Ordinance amending the Land Use Ordinance, as directed by the Council at their meeting of November 19, 1957. This proposed Ordinance would implement the institution of proceedings to re-zone to R-1 the land being subdivided when a tentative tract map is presented to the Planning Commission.

The City Attorney's letter suggested that if the Council approved this Ordinance, it be referred to the Planning Commission for the necessary public hearings and a recommendation thereon.

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 941

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTION "N" TO SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROVIDING THAT ALL LAND BEING SUBDIVIDED SHALL BE REZONED R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE).

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of the Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved for approval of Ordinance 941 and that it be referred for the necessary public hearings.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 6, 1958, through February 13, 1958, as "Torrance Registration Week" and called upon all eligible voters of Torrance to register to vote in the election to be held April 8, 1958, if they have not already done so.

Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of February 9, 1958, to February 15, 1958, as "Electrical Week" to pay tribute to the electrical industry.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Isen asked the Councilmen, for the Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission, how many of them would be able to go on the tour arranged for Saturday, February 8, at 10:00 A. M.

All of the Councilmen with the exception of Councilman Drale plan to attend the tour.

Councilman Drale asked if the record would show that the statement regarding the Airport which was issued tonight had come from the Mayor. Mayor Isen said it would, and that the statement was issued as a reply to the many erroneous statements about our Airport which have been made without an answer.

Mr. John G. L. Crain, 3753 W. 171st St., told the Council that the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association has decided to aid the City in the protest against the rate increases granted to a telephone company and sought by another of the telephone companies; they would like to have the City Attorney know that they will attend the Hearings and will be available. Their representative will be Mr. Jack E. White, of 3930 W. 176th Street. Their wish to aid the City is amply supported by a petition which Mr. Crain said they have prepared.

Councilman Jahn told Mr. Crain that this matter has been referred to the City Attorney, who will appear to represent the City.

After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Crain, the Council heard his request that the City make a bus available to them as free transportation to the Hearings.

Councilman Benstead did not believe the City could do this, as the organization is a private one.

Mr. Crain said they had hoped that citizens from all sections of the City would use this bus to attend the Hearings.

In response to a question, the City Attorney replied that the City could probably do this if the transportation was made available to all the citizens of the City who wish to attend the Hearings.

After further discussion, Mayor Isen directed Mr. Crain to take this up with Mr. Chamberlain, Bus Superintendent, to see whether or not he would have a bus available for such use.

Councilman Jahn said if such a bus were provided, it would have to leave Torrance from a central point and be available to all who wish to attend the Hearings.

Mayor Isen said the Council would entertain a recommendation from Mr. Chamberlain.

Councilman Benstead asked that the City Attorney be consulted as to whether or not it would be legal for the City to furnish this transportation.

Director of Public Works Russell had the drawings of the new City Yard buildings to show any of the Councilmen who wished to see them.


Councilman Drale moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P. M.


A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City
of Torrance, California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance,
California